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NO NEWS OF LINER.

Leaky Bolders May Have Delayed the St. Louis.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Jan. 15.—Up to 2:30 p. m. the American liner had received no report of the St. Louis from Southampton and Cherbourg.

The Spanish steamer Monte Video docked today. The captain said he had come over the southern route, but had not sighted the St. Louis. The American line officials did not attach much importance to this, however, as they said the St. Louis would not take the southern route.

Probable Cause of Delay.

London, Jan. 15.—The American liner St. Paul, which arrived at Southampton today from New York, reported having encountered heavy weather.

Inquiries at the office of the American line were given the answer that leaky bolders were the probable cause of the delay to the St. Louis.

CLAIMS OF BELGIANS

Against Venezuela Will Be Settled by a Mixed Commission.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Jan. 15.—M. J. F. S. Goffart, the Belgian vice-consul and charge d'affaires pro tem here, has obtained from President Castro the concession of a settlement of all claims of Belgians against Venezuela by means of a mixed commission, says the Herald's Caracas, Venezuela, correspondent. One member of the commission will be a Belgian, another a Venezuelan, and the third will be named by these two. Belgium is to receive payment as the most important nation.

INVENTOR DEAD.

M. Gombet Passes Away in an Asylum for the Insane.

(Associated Press.)
Paris, Jan. 15.—M. Gombet, inventor of the submarine torpedo boat which bears his name, who, as announced on January 13th, was recently confined in an asylum for the insane, is dead.

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THE UNEMPLOYED.

Two Thousand Persons Paraded Through the Streets of London.

(Associated Press.)
London, Jan. 14.—The marches of the unemployed, which have now become a daily feature of London streets, are causing uneasiness. About 2,000 persons traversed the metropolis in a procession today, escorted by a body of police. While these demonstrations thus far have been orderly, the shopkeepers are putting up shutters while the processions pass.

LOCOMOTIVES COLLIDE.

One Man Killed and Two Engines Totally Ruined.

(Associated Press.)
Walpole, N. J., Jan. 15.—One man was killed, one was injured and property worth \$25,000 was destroyed today in the collision of three big locomotives on the Boston & Maine railroad at Cold River station. Two of the engines were totally ruined.

REBATE OF COAL DUTIES.

Action of United States Congress Has Not Affected the London Market.

(Associated Press.)
London, Jan. 15.—Prices in the London coal market this far have not been affected by the action of the United States Congress in providing a rebate of duties on all coal for a year, and placing anthracite on the free list. A better feeling prevails, however. No further large orders have yet been received from America. Important dealers believe Canadian coal will chiefly benefit by the rebate of duties.

WILL TAKE CARE OF THE BABIES

WHILE THE MOTHERS
ATTEND THE SERVICES

Nursery Fitted Up in Sunday School of
Bathurst Church—Population
of New Ontario.

(Associated Press.)
Bathurst, Ont., Jan. 15.—One of the Methodist churches has reserved a room in the Sunday school for a nursery, fitted up with hammocks, cradles and pillows, where babies are taken care of by young ladies of the church while the mothers of the babies attend church services.

New Editor.
Toronto, Jan. 15.—Rev. Jas. A. Elliott, of Vancouver, the new editor of the Church Record, arrived in the city yesterday, together with Mrs. Elliott.

Presentation.
The directors of the Bank of Commerce yesterday presented J. H. Plummer, the retiring assistant-general manager, with two cases of costly silverware of rich design.

New Ontario.

It is estimated that the population in New Ontario this year has increased by over twenty-five thousand.

To Buy Stock.

The Dominion Live Stock Association proposes to appoint agents in Eastern Canada with whom farmers may place orders for cattle in cases where they cannot afford to come East and buy personally. Agreements have already been made with a bank to look after the financing of the orders.

Bank of Toronto.

At the annual meeting of the Bank of Toronto yesterday it was decided to increase the capital stock to \$4,000,000. Previously the capital was \$3,000,000 with but two and a half paid up. The report of the bank shows that for the half year ended November 30th last, its net profits were \$195,230.

Winnipeg Clearings.

Winnipeg, Jan. 15.—The clearing house returns for the week ending January 15th, were: Clearings, \$3,984,002; for the corresponding week in 1902 the clearings were \$3,214,400, and for the same period in 1901, \$2,001,432.

POOR WITHOUT COAL.

Suffering in New York—Thousands of Tons in the Yards at Elizabethport, N. J.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 15.—On account of the coal shortage the university of Pennsylvania was in darkness last night, says a Philadelphia dispatch to the American. If coal cannot be obtained today the institution will be compelled to close and three thousand students will be out classes.

The statement that thousands of tons of anthracite coal were waiting delivery at retail dealers at the docks of the New Jersey Central railroad at Elizabethport, N. J., has been verified in detail by a photograph of the yards practically blocked by loaded cars. There were nearly four hundred cars in the yards, and more than one hundred additional ones on the main tracks leading into the yards waiting to be taken in by the dray engines. Averaging the five hundred cars capacity at 60,000 pounds each, would make the total coal in Elizabethport at the hour of the count 15,000 tons. At other points, also, there is a congestion of coal laden cars, which the officers of some of the coal carrying roads say is mainly due to the confusion caused by the separation of cars containing independent coal from those bearing the company coal. Notwithstanding the promise made by President Baer, of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Co., who, as the spokesman of the coal operators, told Mayor Low that all the coal yards in the tenement districts would be supplied with coal for the poor, there is great suffering in New York because thousands are unable to obtain fuel.

POWDER WORKS EXPLOSION.

Investigation Into Cause Has Been Commenced—Manager of Western Fuel Co. at Nanaimo.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, Jan. 15.—The formal inquiry into the powder works explosion was commenced this afternoon. A jury viewed the remains of the victims and adjourned. Sufficient remains of the white men have been identified to hold separate funerals. The remains of the Chinese were buried on the ground. H. J. Scott, of Victoria, the manager, is here, and says the works will be rebuilt immediately.

President John L. Howard, of the Western Fuel Co., has been here for a week examining the recently purchased property of the New Vancouver Coal Company. He says many improvements are contemplated. New boilers are to be installed at the pit-head.

RECEIVES FIVE THOUSAND.

(Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 15.—The claim of May Yoh, Mrs. Putnam Bradley Strong, against her former husband, Lord Francis Hope, has been settled for \$5,000.

It was announced on January 1st that the claim of May Yoh had been settled amicably, but the amount paid to her was not stated.

FLED FROM FEZ.

Moors Assumed a Threatening Attitude Towards Missionary and Four Women.

(Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 15.—Letters received here recently from Fez, Morocco, say that the rapidly growing anti-European sentiment necessitated the hurried departure from that city of the American missionary, Mr. Simpson, his wife, and three English women. For a couple of days prior to their departure the women were openly cursed in the streets, the Moors shouting as they passed: "What's this filth in our streets?" When the American missionaries from Mequinez arrived at Fez, the Moors exclaimed: "Oh God, we thought they were sending the cursed dogs from us, but they are coming back." Subsequently a body of armed mountaineers met the women and wheeled around and cursed them in chorus. The missionaries were specially urged from authoritative quarters to leave as soon as possible. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson intend to remain at Tangier for the present.

Troops in Readiness.

Paris, Jan. 14.—A dispatch received here from Tangier, Morocco, under today's date, says a courier who has arrived there from Fez, brought reassuring intelligence. Nothing is known at Tangier of the reported defeat of the Sultan, or of his rumored retreat westward.

Two battalions of the foreign legion, stationed in Algeria, have been ordered to be in readiness to proceed to the Moroccan frontier. The troops are being equipped for active service in the field.

New Ontario.

DELEGATION MET THE

FINANCE MINISTER

Are Urging Higher Duty on Lead and Lead Products—The Yukon Murder Case.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—W. A. Gallihier, M. P., headed a delegation representing the silver lead producers of Kootenay districts today to the minister of finance, with whom they had a conference with regard to obtaining a higher duty on lead and lead products. What the delegation wants is a Dingley tariff, so as to shut out all United States competition, thereby keeping the Canadian market for Canadian producers. The delegation will meet the cabinet later on.

Trade Returns.

Canada's trade returns for the past six months are in the aggregate \$18,000,000 more than for the same time last year. They are also \$11,000,000 greater than they were for the whole year of 1902.

APPEAL REFUSED.

The Supreme court this afternoon refused the application for leave to appeal the Labelle Yukon murder case. The court stood equally divided. Unless a reprieve is granted, which is not likely, Labelle and Fournier will be hanged on Tuesday.

THE DUTY ON COAL.

Some time ago Sir Richard Cartwright was asked as to the best way to obtain reciprocity between Canada and the United States. The minister of trade and commerce replied that in his opinion the best course was by reciprocal legislation, and pointed out that coal was one of those articles which could very properly be selected. This is taken to mean that Sir Richard, at all events, will favor the wiping out of the duty on coal as soon as parliament meets. But now that the question is before the government the official expression of opinion cannot be obtained.

A PROTEST.

The British embassy at Washington has forwarded to the Dominion government a protest made by Mr. Sage, of Mission, B. C., regarding a collection made on a shipment of Percheron horses which Mr. Sage took over to Olympia to sell by auction for breeding purposes. The United States collector at Sumner imposed duty because they were imported for sale. Mr. Sage applied to Washington for a refund of the duty because under the tariff they would be admitted free if for breeding purposes. The authorities here think that the United States decision is rather a fine interpretation of the tariff law, as the intention of Mr. Sage was to sell thoroughbred horses for breeding purposes.

STEAMER ON FIRE.

Crew Landed and Attempts Made to Scuttle the Ship.

(Associated Press.)

Tralce, Ireland, Jan. 15.—The British steamer Manchester Merchant, from New Orleans, December 28th, for Manchester, England, arrived in Dingal Bay today on fire. Attempts are being made to scuttle the ship. The crew has been landed.

DEATHS FROM PLAGUE.

Number of Additional Fatal Cases Reported From Mazatlan.

(Associated Press.)

Mazatlan, Mex., Jan. 15.—There have been seven new cases of plague and eight deaths here. The government college has been closed. There is a veritable panic in Culiacan, Rosales. Several English and German ships are in the harbor, but the crews are not allowed to land. There is a lack of physicians for the new sanitary stations on the highway.

STARVING PEASANTS EATING PINE BARK

TERRIBLE SUFFERING
IN NORTHERN SWEDEN

Immediate Steps Will Have to Be Taken to Save Population From Decimation.

(Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 15.—Telegrams from Stockholm, Sweden, confirm the distressing accounts of the famine in Northern Sweden. About 70,000 persons are affected by the famine, which extends from the sixty-first to the sixty-seventh degree north latitude, and from the Gulf of Bothnia and the Russian border far into the interior. The starving people are eating pine bark, which is ground to powder, mixed with stewed moss, and made into a kind of famine bread.

Coincident with the failure of the crops is the extreme scarcity of fish. The fishermen return from their expeditions empty-handed. Even ptarmigan (ground) of the northern regions, usually found in great numbers in the stricken district, have almost completely disappeared.

It is estimated that the expenditure of about \$6,000,000 will be necessary to save the population from decimation. Thus far about \$200,000 has been subscribed, of which sum over \$12,500 was sent by Sweden in the United States. This amount does not include the money necessary to save the cattle or supply seed for the spring sowings. The peasants are making pathetic sacrifices to avert the extermination of the hardy northern cattle. In previous times of scarcity, good fodder was obtainable by mixing reindeer moss and aspen bark. Now this is not available, and finely chopped twigs of birch, willow and ash are substituted. The mixture is boiled and fed to the cattle warm, but it is found that the milk of the cattle thus fed leads to typhoid fever, and this and other diseases are likely to spread unless something is done.

The situation threatens a repetition of the terrible famine of 1867, when thousands died from starvation and typhoid. A special commissioner of the Swedish government, who has just returned from the scene of the distressed, emphasizes the necessity of the adoption of immediate plans to avert the disaster. His report has caused the most painful impression, and will, it is hoped, enhance the national efforts to provide remedial measures. Up to the present 1,000 carloads, valued at over \$1,000,000, represent the total quantity of provisions and fodder shipped to the famine-stricken area.

CARDINAL'S DEATH.

(Associated Press.)

Rome, Jan. 15.—Cardinal Lucido Parocchi, sub-dean of the sacred college and vice-chancellor of the Catholic church, died this morning of heart disease. He was born in 1835, was of Italian nationality and was created a cardinal in 1877.

The death of the Cardinal removes one of the prelates considered to be the most likely to succeed Pope Leo. There always was considerable friction between the Pope and Cardinal Parocchi on this account, and it led to the unprecedented step of the Pontiff in removing the Cardinal from the post of Vicar of Rome because it was thought that he too openly posed as the future Pope. Nevertheless the Pope was deeply affected by the Cardinal's death. He knelt in prayer and exclaimed: "Those frequent deaths have made me feel quite an old man."

NEWS FOR STEAMERS.

Bulletins Will Be Sent By Wireless Telegraphy to Vessels on Approach of Coast.

(Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 15.—The announcement that arrangements had been made to publish daily papers on Atlantic steamships supplied with the wireless telegraph system seems to be founded on a plan, which goes into effect within a fortnight, to send news bulletins to certain steamers approaching the coast. The messages will be sent from a wireless station now nearly completed at Broadhead. The Marconi company will only undertake sending messages a distance of forty miles seaward, and for the present at least there will be no daily newspapers published on board ships. News bulletins will shortly be displaced in various parts of the steamers.

BOWARD OF STRANGERS.

Magistrate's Advice to "Spoke" Sullivan, the Boxer.

(Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 15.—William J. Sullivan, the American boxer, better known as "Spoke" Sullivan, who, with a companion named Charles Harris, was remanded without bail at a police court here on January 8th, charged with attempting to pass "Bank of Engraving" notes, was discharged today, after a friendly lecture from the magistrate on the danger of conversing with strangers. Harris was committed for trial.

Sullivan, when arrested on January 7th, denied all knowledge of the notes, which can be mistaken for notes of the Bank of England, and said he only met Harris casually at a railroad station.

RAILWAY RUMORS.

Southern and Union Pacific May Extend Their Lines to the Sound.

The liveliest interest is manifested in railway and commercial circles on Puget Sound, consequent upon a rumor, that seems to be well founded, of an intention on the part of the Southern and Union Pacific railroad companies to extend their lines from Portland to Puget Sound. Last week a local company, said to represent the Union Pacific, announced that they would build a line of railway from Olympia to Bremerton, the naval station, and yesterday Seattle papers stated that the great sawmill and timber limits at Port Blakely are about to pass into the hands of the Southern Pacific Railway Company, the consideration being \$5,000,000. Port Blakely is directly opposite Seattle, about 18 miles, and should the Southern Pacific Company purchase the property, they have in contemplation the building up of a city that will rival Seattle in commerce and population. It is no secret that both the Union and Southern Pacific companies, as well as the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company, are dissatisfied with their present northern termini at Portland, and formerly friendly, are now hostile to the "Jim" Hill interests. The next few months may see important developments in the Puget Sound country.

BANK RATE.

(Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 15.—The Bank of England rate of discount was unchanged today at 4 per cent.

NAVY LEAGUE MEETING

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

List of Contributions to Fund for Prize Essays—General Business Dealt With.

The usual monthly meeting of the committee of the Victoria branch of the Navy League was held at the hon. secretary's office yesterday afternoon, Hon. Mr. Justice Martin presiding. Other members present were Vice-Presidents, Captain E. Barkley, Capt. J. Devereux and A. B. Fraser, sr., Ald. Vincent and Messrs. G. W. Woodlett, J. Peirson, Roland Stuart and A. L. Neale. After ordinary routine business was disposed of and sundry communications both in writing and otherwise had been gone through, nothing of special interest arising therefrom, a discussion on the subject of dry docking facilities followed, showing the committee's determination to spare no efforts to help to strengthen the hands of the proper authorities to secure either enlargement of the present dry dock or the building of a new and much larger one for the Pacific naval station.

Mr. Wyatt, the special envoy from the head office of the league, London, Eng., is finding so much useful work in the eastern parts of Canada that his visit to this coast is being somewhat delayed. It is quite evident that a great treat is in store, and all loyal and patriotic persons having the weal of the great Empire at heart should make a special effort to hear Mr. Wyatt when he arrives. The Empire's growing commercial interests demand that even the most selfish portion of the trading community should begin to look round and see whence comes protection of the vast imports and exports. It is the supremacy of the British navy that gives the low rates of insurance and the certainty of trade that is enjoyed under the British flag.

The matter of the prizes offered for essays on naval subjects, the competition for which closes at the end of this month, was referred to and reported made that so far the donors to the special prize fund are as follows:

Hon. Mr. Justice Martin	\$5.00
A. B. Fraser, sr.	5.00
Hon. Col. Prior	5.00
Capt. G. E. Clarke	2.50
G. W. Woodlett, sr.	2.50
W. H. Langley	2.50
Capt. J. Gaudin	2.50
Capt. J. Devereux	2.50
Ald. Vincent	2.50
Roland Stuart	2.50
Ald. Worthington	2.50
Ald. Sturtevant	1.00
George Clark	1.00

The committee look for a large and speedy augmentation of this fund.

Reference was made to the question of the ships having to leave Esquimaut for the shooting practice, and as it is believed now that in consequence of changed conditions there may be a chance of the old range at Belmont being resumed, some of the members of the committee will have the matter looked into with a view, if possible, of taking some action at next meeting.

The meeting then adjourned to February 11th.

MISSION TO OTTAWA.

Premier Prior and Attorney-General Eberts Will Leave on Saturday Night.

The provincial executive have been holding numerous sessions since the return of Premier Prior and Hon. W. W. B. McInnes from West Yale. The situation has doubtless been fully gone into preparatory to the Premier leaving for Ottawa.

It is the intention of Premier Prior to leave on Saturday night for the Federal capital. He will be accompanied by the Attorney-General, D. M. Eberts.

The visit is expected to occupy about three weeks, and will be devoted to a discussion of the various matters at issue between the two governments. The efforts of the provincial representatives will not be confined to the subject of better terms alone, but will embrace also, the Premier says, the railway subject, the fishery situation in all its phases, and the Chinese question.

The Premier says that the government has an opportunity to make an excellent selection of a candidate for West Yale and will assuredly win the seat.

POLLING IS NOW AT ITS LIVELIEST

IT IS MARKED BY
UNUSUAL STEADINESS

Over Thousand Votes for Mayoralty by One O'clock—The Times Prophet Gets Down to Work.

Polling in the most spirited election contest fought in this city for many years is now at its liveliest. Formerly the polls closed at 4 o'clock, and the most extensive invasion of the polling places occurred about 2 o'clock or thereabouts. But now the conditions are changed, and in consequence the vote today is noteworthy for its steadiness. There has been no spasmodic rush on the booths. The electors realizing that they have had ten hours and a half in which to exercise their prerogatives have taken their time, and in consequence everything is progressing very smoothly.

The arrangement at the city hall has proved an excellent one. Not only has it obviated much of the inconvenience which existed in the past, but it has ensured a large vote on the Referendum by-law. As voters are aware they must first pass through the old fire hall before they can cast their votes for mayor and school trustees, after which they leave the municipal headquarters by another door. This not only saves time, but makes things easy for the bewildered elector. Champions of the various candidates are out in force, and unless the elector has his mind firmly made up before he reaches the danger zone he is guaranteed a very interesting time.

That a very big vote will be polled there is no doubt. It is altogether likely that the figures for mayor will exceed the top liners of the past. Up to 1 o'clock this afternoon 1,037 ballots had been cast for the mayorality, and a similar number for school trustees. Ten hundred and thirty-four had been recorded on the referendum by-law, proving that the arrangement at the city hall will ensure a vote almost as large as that polled in the neighboring apartment. Down at the market building a steady vote has been coming in. At 1 o'clock about 1,110 ballots had been cast, divided as follows: North Ward, 534; Central Ward, 250; South Ward, 326. This is about the same as last year's record up to this time, but it should be remembered that the polls opened then an hour earlier. Should the polling in the aldermanic contest continue to be as steady as it has been to date a record in this respect will also go to the wall.

It is sometimes said that the politest man in the world is a writer who expects a tip. This is altogether incorrect, because the palm for this very estimable quality belongs to a candidate for preferment at the hands of the people. The majority of them are on hand at the polls, and no prospective voter is given the faintest fraction of a minute to indulge in a little reflection and will make an attempt to repeat the performance this afternoon. The stars were invisible last night, so they tell nothing. Public sentiment as expressed in meetings and in the press is the only criterion, and this frequently is deceptive. The task of picking out the successful candidates from the large field craving the suffrages of the electors is, to say the least, a formidable one. For mayor the Times selects Ald. McCandless. This morning his supporters estimated that three out of every four voters were McCandless men. This is a good sign, and if the vote continues until 7:30 o'clock this evening there will be an avalanche on top of Mayor Hayward, notwithstanding the remarkable documents he has been busily circulating throughout the city.

For North Ward it is predicted that Ald. Grahame and the veteran stand-by, Ald. Kinsman, will be returned. It is not so easy to select the third man, but the general expectation places the race between Messrs. Dinsdale and Furlerton. Of course allowance must always be made for dark horses, and there is a likely bunch in this ward. In Central Ward the election of Mr. Goodacre and ex-Ald. Stewart seems assured. Ald. Yates and Williams will have a neck and neck race for third place. In South Ward it is altogether likely that the same trio of representatives will be returned with Ald. Hall following Ald. Vincent.

For school trustee the task is not a little difficult. It is expected that two of the three who are again offering themselves will be returned. One of the labor candidates will probably snatch the laurels from the third. To-night will tell.

The Times has arranged for a bulletin service by which the progress of the count from time to time will be made known to the public.

EDITORIAL SHOT.

(Associated Press.)

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 15.—N. G. editor of the State, was shot here today by Howard, notwithstanding the Governor of South Carolina. In the stomach and may be

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Existing Distress.**

The Senate took up the coal duty bill and passed it as soon as it was received from the House. A committee amendment was adopted by the Senate, adding a section to prevent the imposition of a duty on anthracite coal after the expiration of the time provided for in the bill, granting a rebate on all coal.

A raindrop one twenty-fifth of an inch in diameter cannot fall at any greater speed than 13 feet in a second. Raindrops rarely exceed one-eighth of an inch in diameter.

late no one has a right to keep bees in reasonable numbers or in an improper place, so the Dublin King's bench has decided.

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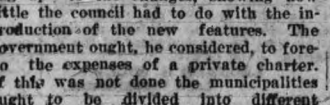
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address now he said "even if work was not completed within a year."

Mayor—Why don't you complete the statement?

little the council had to do with the introduction of the new features. The government ought, he considered, to forego the expenses of a private charter. If this was not done the municipalities ought to be divided into different

more meetings than any other one on the council. He pointed out that he had in writing a permit to run for alderman. The cemetery had not received the attention desired, and he promised if re-elected to do what he could to carry out an improvement. In conclusion he

great interest to us, for it is our firm belief that my present good health is due solely to the constant use of Grape-Nuts, and we feel that we have great reason to be thankful to the maker of such a perfect and delicious food." Name given by Postum Co. Battle Creek, Mich.

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Nanaimo-B. Pinbury & Co.

FULLY EXPLAINED.

Mr. Robinson, Deputy Minister of

Education, thinks our comment on the

spelling test to which the pupils who

desired admission to the High School

were subjected was unfair. He says the

pupils received credit for every word

they spelled correctly and that no de-

ductions were made for errors. We are

pleased at the opportunity to make this

explanation, because many of the parents

of Victoria were of an entirely different

opinion. Where they gathered their im-

pressions we do not know. Mr. Robinson

also says the practice under which the

Misses Eberts and Beaudin were

admitted to the Victoria High School

is quite common; that many pupils

have been promoted as a result of

private tests. We are pleased to receive

this explanation also. The "common

herd" are so prone to rush to conclusions.

It will be hard to convince some of

them that if their children had ap-

plied for such a privilege it would have

been granted. Why not abolish public

examinations altogether and promote

scholars whenever their teachers are

prepared to give assurances the necessary

standard has been reached? There is no

doubt many pupils have failed to pass

examinations through sheer nervous-

ness, brought on by the "sweatbox" or

deal. It has been insinuated that the

daughters of the Attorney-General and

the other young lady were admitted to

the High School through a side door be-

cause there was a desire to shield them

from contact with the vulgar through the

inquisitorial apartment. Mr. Robinson

has explained that that idea is all

wrong; that the custom is quite common.

This should prove satisfactory. The de-

hands in their pockets and hand put to this firm a bonus of \$12 for every ton of steel they produce. Nor under the system so ardently advocated by protectionists is there any guarantee that such a handsome subvention would be permanently satisfactory. If a prohibitive duty were imposed the works would be at liberty to fix the price, and we have never yet heard of a trust-for a duty which would eliminate competition would create a most powerful trust—that would not take the fullest advantage of its opportunities.

Now the chief complaint of miners, farmers and manufacturers in Canada is that the cost of transportation is too great—that it is so high as to handicap in some cases to throttle industry, and in all cases to discourage development. Another of the grievances of the mining interests of British Columbia is the alleged excessive cost of operating their properties. We have furnished them with an illustration of the undoubted effect of the application of the principles of the extreme protectionists. An increase of at least 25 per cent in the cost of operations. The lesson has been read to all Canada, and we are thankful to say that the great majority of Canadians have profited by it.

If our resources are as great as they are represented to be, there is no reason why they should not be developed under a system which affords reasonable encouragement. The history of Canada during the last six years proves that the "happy medium" has been struck. If it be a fact that we can only make satisfactory progress by heaping intolerable burdens upon the great masses of the people in order that a few favored manufacturers may wax fat, we might as well retire from the nation-making business. But it is not a fact. The records in the case of the Clergues as well as the history of our country prove that it is not so. When the steel men found out that there was no likelihood of their demands being considered they very soon opened up their works again. They have announced that they have enough orders on their hands to keep them busy for about a year.

GEOGRAPHY, OR OFFICIAL IDIOCY?

We have before us the test set under the heading of geography at the recent High School entrance exam. It, in its way, is another gem of purest ray serene. It may or may not have tested the common sense of the candidates before whom it was placed, but it surely does cast an unenviable glare on the mental make-up of the man who gave this as his conception of what the average boy or girl of thirteen or fourteen should know before being allowed to prosecute his or her studies in a High School.

We reproduce the paper in full:

Educational Department, B. C. High School Entrance Examination—Midwinter, 1902.

Geography (Time 1 1/4 Hours.)

1. Answer the following questions relative to the geography of this province:

(a) What was the population of the province (correct as to thousands), and similarly of each of the six largest cities, according to the census of 1901?

(b) What forms the southern, eastern and northern boundaries, respectively, of British Columbia?

(c) What states touch this province on the south? What territories on the east?

(d) What are the names of the electoral districts into which the province is divided by the Redistribution Act of 1902, and how many members does it provide for each constituency?

(e) What are the names of the eight incorporated cities of British Columbia?

(f) Give the political divisions of Europe, with their respective capitals.

(g) Locate, precisely, the following cities of Europe: Glasgow, Liverpool, Belfast, Lyons, Hamburg, Geneva, Florence, Amsterdam, Lisbon, Rome.

(h) A short description of the surface, soil and climate of Russia.

(i) When was the Commonwealth of Australia formed? Name the colonies that constitute this commonwealth, with their respective capitals. Where did the first Federal parliament meet? Who is the Premier at present? What is the Federal capital?

4. Name the British colonies in South Africa, with their respective capitals. What are the chief industries, exports and imports of these colonies? Describe, briefly, the soil and climate of any one of them.

5. Give the boundaries of:

(a) The North Atlantic Ocean.

(b) The North Pacific Ocean.

(c) The Indian Ocean.

(d) The Mediterranean Sea.

6. An outline map of England and Wales, marking the chief mountain ranges, and locating the rivers Thames, Severn, Tyne and Tweed, and the cities of London, Liverpool, Bristol, Oxford, Cambridge, Canterbury, Birmingham, Manchester, Swansea and Cardiff.

Now, arguing from a common sense point of view, we hold that an examination test to be honest should fulfil three conditions—the questions should be reasonable, the time for answering them should be adequate, and the marking should be fair. We hold that this test in geography violates all three of these conditions.

Take the question "1 (d)": "What are the names of the electoral districts into which the province is divided by the Redistribution Act of 1902, and how many members does it provide for each constituency?" There are just 34 of these names to remember, only 34 Victoria City, Saanich, Esquimalt, Cowichan, Islands, Nanaimo, Nanaimo City, Alberni, Comox, Delta, Chilliwack, Dewdney, Richmond, Westminster City,



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YOUNG BARBARIANS.

To the Editor:—Let me protest in the name of common humanity at the treatment meted out to lonely Chinamen by the rising generation of Victorians. Last night you chronicled the serious accident to a boy on his way home, in Cadboro road, by which the hapless lad had lost a leg, and thus seriously incapacitated from earning his livelihood. Do the young barbarians of Cadboro Bay road realize how near they are to a criminal charge? Should the Chinaman die, they must find themselves in an unenviable position. This cowardly pastime of brickbattling and mud-bespattering helpless Chinamen is becoming all too common in our midst, and it is time that decent behavior of these chivalrous youngsters should be insisted on. It was once a boast that an Englishman always stood up for the weak, but, sir, that day is I am afraid, passing, unless such conduct as I have described meets with the severest disapprobation of both parents and teachers. I refrain from giving additional instances of this youthful ruffianism. They are known to most observers.

I trust that the reorganized school board will amongst the many subjects suggested for a curriculum, consider the advisability of adding a manual on the common principles of humanity, otherwise called the New Testament, where there is such teaching as "Do unto others as you would that others do to you."

HUMANITY.

SHOULD BE PUNISHED.

To the Editor:—My indignation was aroused by reading in yesterday's paper an account of a cowardly attack made upon a Chinaman (whom I happen to know is a well-behaved boy of about

fourteen), by some boys presumably of the superior race. Surely this kind of thing can be put a stop to. If any of these boys had been seen ill-using an animal, the S. P. C. A. would have stepped in. Is there no law to prevent cruelty to the Chinese? I consider that anybody who saw what these boys did, and knew who they were, should expose them.

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PERSONAL.

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of J. W. Ford, of a daughter.

WORLD—At Revelstoke, on Jan. 4th, the
wife of L. Benoit, of a daughter.

WORLD—At Vancouver, on Jan. 12th,
the wife of J. A. Thomson, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

WORLD—At Vancouver, on Jan. 12th,
by Rev. J. M. McLeod, Christopher C.
Benn and Miss Ida M. Bunt.

DEATHS.

WORLD—At Revelstoke, on Jan. 2nd,
the wife of Neil Anderson, aged 40
years and 9 months.

WORLD—At Vancouver, on Jan. 12th,
Mrs. S. A. Greaves, aged 55 years.

Registered physicians in Massachusetts
are said to number 4,500, an average of 1
to every 600 inhabitants.

**MINNEOLA ASHORE
IN BAYNES SOUND**

**HELD FAST ON MUD
BANK WHILE LOADED**

**Was Bound to San Francisco From
Union With Heavy Cargo
of Coal.**

Word was received in this city last
evening that the large steam collier Min-
neola, plying for H. Dunsmuir & Sons in the
coal trade between Union and San Fran-
cisco, had run ashore on the mud flats in
Baynes Sound, about twenty
miles this side of Comox, and was hard
and fast. She is loaded heavily and
was bound south when at 8.30 o'clock
yesterday morning her progress was
suddenly arrested. Later in the day a
message was sent ashore and the Pacific
Improvement Company, of San Fran-
cisco, owners of the vessel, notified of
the accident. In turn Capt. J. G. Cox,
loyal local agent, was advised and
asked to render all assistance possible to
the Minneola. Immediately after re-
ceiving the information the captain en-
deavored to place himself in communi-
cation with the vessel, but till noon had
not succeeded.

According to news received at the
local office of Dunsmuir & Sons, the
Minneola is resting easily. She is not
taking in water, and work will be begun
without delay to lighten her of cargo.
Coal will be discharged into barges until
she becomes sufficiently buoyant to float.

The Minneola is a steel screw vessel of
2,428 tons gross and 1,502 tons net reg-
ister. She was built by J. Lang, Sun-
derland. Her dimensions are: Length,
254 feet; beam, 37 feet, and depth of
hold, 19 feet. She has been plying in
the coal trade between the Island mines
and San Francisco for many years.

A dispatch to the Times from Nanaimo
this afternoon says: "The steam collier
Minneola, Capt. Kirkwood, ran ashore on
Base line, Baynes Sound, yesterday, in
a dead fog. She was outward bound
from Union Bay with a cargo of coal for
San Francisco. The ship is resting cas-
ual on a muddy bottom, and it is
thought no damage has been sustained.
The ship is making no water. It is
proposed to lighten the ship by taking
out about fifteen hundred tons of her
cargo, when it is expected she can be
floated. A tug and scows are now on
the way from Vancouver for this pur-
pose."

NEW BOAT PROJECTED.

The halibut fishing fleet operating out
of Vancouver may be supplemented by
another steamer during the coming sum-
mer. According to a Vancouver ex-
change, H. Barrett, manager of the com-
pany, says the construction of another
boat is contemplated. The new steamer
will be of iron, and will cost in the
neighborhood of \$50,000. While he could
not say just when the construction of
the new boat would be begun, he thought
it very probable that it would be needed
next summer.

Halibut fishing is now conducted the
year around, and the usual lay off of a
month or two has been done away with.

RICHARD III. ALSO ASHORE.

Tug Lorne with the barque Richard
III., laden with concentrates from the
Treadwell mine for Tacoma, in tow, went
ashore off the Fraser river in a fog dur-
ing the night, says a dispatch to the
Times from Vancouver this afternoon.
The barque is still aground half a mile
inside the "bandhead" bell buoy. She
could not be floated at high tide this
morning, and it is reported that her
cargo may have to be removed. The
Richard III. is a dismantled vessel which
has been fitted up specially for the car-
rying of concentrates.

TACOMA REPAIRED.

No evidences of the damages wrought
by the bad weather which the steamer
passed through on her last outward voy-
age were to be seen when the Tacoma
arrived yesterday from the Orient.
Since that time she has been in the
Kowloon dock and been thoroughly re-
paired. The Tacoma brought a cargo
of 2,400 tons on this voyage, of which
300 tons were loaded here. She also
brought two million and twenty-five
steering passengers.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Amor left to-day en route
North and will call at Ladysmith to coal
prior to proceeding to Vancouver. Her
carries among her passengers A. Morris,
Miss Patton, P. Jamieson and S. Cheek.
The steamer Tees sails for northern
British Columbia ports to-night. Among
her passengers will be G. C. Johnson, G.
Jones, G. Finn, T. S. Morrison and W.
Tomlinson.

The little German barque Kiandra,
Capt. H. Bunje, which sailed from
Philadelphia for Portsea, England, on
October 24th, laden with 5,801 bar-
rels of naphtha, 1,000 barrels of gasoline
and 500 barrels of benzine, and has not
since been heard from, is believed to
have blown up at sea and all hands, 14
in number, lost.

The Norwegian citizens of Seattle
have started a fund to provide decent
burial for the sailors who were drowned
in the wreck of the barque Prince Ar-
thur. Already a considerable sum has
been collected, and the proposal is meet-
ing with hearty support.

The ship Anconia will be towed to
Chemainus as soon as the Lorne arrives
from the North. The tug on her re-
turn trip is expected to tow the British
ship Brablock to sea. The Brablock is
loaded with lumber for Calcutta from
Chemainus.

The ship Alice A. Leigh, which has
been in Equinuit for the last five
months, has received a charter to load
grain on the Sound.

The steamship Kinshu Maru, which is
due in from the Orient, had not been re-
ported up the hour of going to press.

The United Kingdom has 16 leading air
stations, of which eight are Royal.

THE FERNIE EXPLOSION.

To the Editor:—Craving your indul-
gence once more and for the last time,
in reply to Mr. Faulds's attack in yester-
day's Colonist, in which he accuses
me of malicious inconsistencies, I beg to
inform him I had no malicious intent. It
was justice to my fellow men who were
killed by criminal carelessness, and for
those of my brother miners who are
still living and working at the same
dangerous occupation. I would ask Mr.
Faulds to read his own report, and not
try to turn it over on me that I said
such stupid things as he put in his re-
port. "There was not the proper
methods adopted with regard to ventila-
ting all the workings; there was also
needed some means of watering the
dusty parts, or treating them in some
way which would be equal to watering.
These conclusions are reached after
finding first, that the explosion followed
the course of the intake workings used
for haulage, where there was dust and
no firelamp." Mr. Faulds said this, I
said. He ascribes the flame causing the
explosion, either from Miner James
Muir's safety lamp in some way, or more
probably from another miner, who had
matches in his possession, by his either
striking a match or drawing the flame
through the gauze of his lamp for a
smoke. Now to which of these causes
does he attribute the start of the ex-
plosion? Now that is only his own
supposition. There is no fact in it: Let
us have facts and truth. He says in the
Colonist yesterday he was one of the
chief explorers in the disaster ex-
plosion, when there were 218 lives lost;
ten years later in the Edison explosion,
when 73 lives were lost, and also in
Cumberland, where 55 lives were lost;
have been in several explosions, and
carefully examined the disaster at the
Edison, where 16 lives were lost. And
what has been his decision at all these
disasters? He does not know, only ar-
rives at suppositions, as he did in the
Ferne case. He has a happy knack of
being always called on by the companies
or governments to write a report. He
says himself an ounce of prevention is
worth a pound of cure. Why not use his
great talents to save explosions, instead
of after life being destroyed? He says
further his father was a practical miner.
First, when a boy, he was a nipper, then
a boiler fireman, then an engineer, then
a trapper. That's an Irishman's rise
with a vengeance, from engineer to tripp-
er, at a shilling a day. He also says
he holds a British Columbia manager's
certificate. If we believe the public
press he only got that five or six weeks
since. Mr. Shepherd told me last July
in Nanaimo that Mr. Faulds had been
up to be examined time and again, and
could not know the reason, for he was a
good enough scholar. He asks the
reason I was not picked on for the
examination. I was not cut-
ting coal in Fernie. I was not in
understand. I was putting up electric
bells and real wire ropes. He doubts
my truthfulness about Mr. Drennan
smoking. Mr. Drennan admitted him-
self, as he had to, that he smoked in the
mine. At the inquest he also admitted
that he was 29 years of age, and that
when he was 16 years old he went to
learn surveying in Glasgow. So that just
served five years for that. So that just
served him eight years to be mining su-
perintendent, since that time without
any practical knowledge. Before he
went to Fernie he was surveyor and as-
sistant superintendent at New Wellington,
with the coal company at Nanaimo.
I say he was too young and inexperienced
to take charge where valuable lives
were in danger. To give you an idea
about the state of things: A new man-
ager came to Fernie, who Mr.
Rodgers, managing director, brought
from Pennsylvania to take full charge,
which was in the papers for everyone to
read. This gentleman, Mr. Storr by
name as near as I can think of, just
spent three days going through Fernie
mines, and the condition the mine was
in must have made him change his mind,
for he left and did not take charge. And
he was a man of good ability. I saw
him and spoke to him myself, and I am
telling the truth, too, Mr. Faulds. The
next mine you go to inspect after an ex-
plosion, as you are so often called for
such work, give me a list of the mines
I have had quite as much experience as
ever he had in Scotland and in different
parts of the world, but I went to trap
first as a little boy, and I was engineer
after, not before. As far as breaking
rule 75 is concerned, more than one rule
in the mining laws was broken in the
Ferne mines. I have seen fools of men
going round with a naked lamp on their
heads and a safety lamp in their hands,
and an old bore hole in No. 3 burning
steady day and night. I think it was
more dangerous for explosions than
carrying matches. In the Colonist yester-
day morning he insinuates that I have
lied when I speak about thousands of
dust in the mines. He says if
so much dust was in it would be diffi-
cult to get coal out or to get air in. I
will give him a few more facts about
the dust, not suppositions. Just four
weeks before the explosion, the new pit
bores, Tom Graham, wanted to lay air
pipes in No. 2 mine, but had to clean the
dust out to put the pipes in. He got 10
men after 12 o'clock each night to clean
the said dust from one side of the road.
For four weeks, they loaded 20 cars per
night, each car holding a ton, and only
cleaned up 1,200 feet off one side only.
There was the same amount on the
other side, and still 1,500 feet to be
cleaned up to put the air pipes in. Fur-
ther, there was 3,500 feet in the high
line, or west side, not cleaned up, with
the same amount of dust as on the main
dip. So you can see in 1,200 feet on one
side only, there was 480 tons taken out.
So my statement was true. I know I
am a humble individual, and don't car-
ry weight with the present government, but
I can and will tell the truth. He re-
mains to think he is the only one who has
read about the dust commission that sat
in England in 1891, with the best mining
engineers in the British Isles. I did
not see Mr. Faulds's name mentioned in
it. What does the commission say of
coal dust, or of danger thereof, in their
report? They blasted 40 shots in fire-
damp in an explosive state. No explosion
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or shock, not the flame, struck two other
mills and also blew them up, and killed
about fifty men. At the viaduct in New
York, at the city waterworks, they
blasted fifteen holes with a battery, and
the sound waves or shock went two
miles and blew up a magazine with two
tons of dynamite, but no one was hurt.
This will show you the danger of dust
in suspension, and the miners about
Ferne who don't tell themselves experts
are just as positive as Mr. Faulds, or
Mr. Shepherd, or Mr. Robertson, that
the explosion was caused by a shot be-
ing blasted in the machine room, for they
know, as I do, that it took fire often
when it was blasted, and a blazer
named Waugh, now working in Exten-
sion on this Island, left Fernie rather
than run any more risks. He was on the
opposite shift from Andrew Patterson,
who lost his life. I think it is coward-
ly and brutal to try to put the blame on
the dead men that cannot contradict
them. He further says the deductions
and conclusions were arrived at after
very careful and thorough investigation.
When the three experts came to Fernie
they did not come as independent ex-
perts. They glibbed with the
officials, and ignored the miners' com-
mittee of the miners to go in to examine
the mine till S. S. Taylor, K. C., had to
get an order from the court to compel
them to do so. When they did go in they
found that the machine room had been
cleaned up, where the shot had been
blasted, and Tom Graham, the pit boss,
on oath, had to admit to Mr. Taylor that
he got orders from the management to
clean it up. I may be poor and humble,
but I am honest and true in my state-
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